

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - South High School Artificial Turf Field Design

State Funding Requested: \$ 1,500,000**House District: 31 - P**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Install Artificial Turf Field for South Anchorage High School. The funds will eliminate dangerous field conditions.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$1,500,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

South Anchorage High School opened just four years ago. Since that time, the football program has been struggling to develop an adequately field for safe practices and games. During the first two seasons, practices were held at middle school fields. The seasons of 2006 and 2007 the teams used South's field.

Due to severe drainage problems with our new field at South, the health and safety of the players, as well as visiting players, were severely compromised. The field is dangerous and slippery, with lots of mud and standing water. The sidelines are just as bad if not worse than the field itself. The players were forced to stand in 4 to 6 inches of water while waiting for their time on the muddy field.

This item has an Identifying Number 287 for facility 860 in the Anchorage School District 2008 Legislative Requests.

The principal or the Booster Foundation president can be contacted.

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Non-Profit Corporation Tax I.D. #16-1725313 for the South Anchorage Booster Foundation.

Project Timeline:

FY 09 and FY 10

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage School District

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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February 26, 2008

Via Fax: (907) 465-6592

The Honorable Lesil McGuire
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol, Room 125
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: South Football Booster Foundation Request for Funding Facility Improvements

Dear Senator McGuire:

I am John Lewis, head coach of the South Anchorage High School Football Program and a director of the South Football Booster Foundation. On behalf of our Wolverines and Boosters, I write now with an urgent request for your assistance with securing funding for use toward the creation of a much-needed South Anchorage area multi-use facility which will benefit the entire community. South Football's primary goal is to provide a multi-use facility for the Anchorage community at large, but many improvements must be made to reach the goals we envision. We therefore request funding for the following necessary improvements:

1) **\$1.5 Million for Field Turf and Other Security Field Improvements:** We need to resurface the existing practice field with field turf. A field turf surface will allow for 24/7 use by multiple interest groups, from high school athletes to greater community youth sports. The surface would provide the safest possible conditions free from the current existing dangers of potholes, rocks, mud, and erosion, all of which can be attributed to many unnecessary past injuries. Maintenance of field turf, unlike the current field, is simple and provided at zero cost. Chain link fencing will need to be installed to protect the field from wildlife, unauthorized vehicles, and other potential threats that could damage the field. Other needs to complete the facility for use by the community at large for all types of events include lighting, bleachers, score board, and press box.

2) **\$250,000 Toward Athletic Training Facility**: We wish to construct a 2,500 square foot multi-sport athletic training facility capable of safely accommodating up to 100 students at a time. South athletes currently use a very small weight training room within the school that suffers overcrowded, dangerous conditions on a daily basis. Football, hockey, soccer, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, track, and other sports at South are constantly competing for space to train in this tiny room, which cannot even accommodate one high school varsity team. A larger, separate facility is needed to relieve those dangerous conditions and to provide space for athletes in year-round weight training/cross training activities for their various sports. With this facility, South athletes in every sport can train year round, greatly enhancing their potential for athletic scholarship opportunities.

We urgently request your support of these needed funds to complete the field improvements and athletic training facility construction at South High. With immediate funding, South Football can establish a safe and secure multi-use facility to be used by both our own students and the Anchorage community at large. Thank you for your consideration on behalf of the South Anchorage community and South High students. Please call me at 907-742-6233 if you have questions or require additional information.

Regards,

John Lewis, Head Coach & Director
South Football Booster Foundation